

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
National Stage Entry  
of PCT/EP03/006509**

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended in order to insert formal matter. Claims 1-27 have been cancelled and new Claims 28-52 have been added. Support for new Claims 28-52 can be found in original Claims 1-27. Hence, the amendment to the specification, cancellation of Claims 1-27 and the addition of new Claims 28-52 does not constitute new matter, and thus entry is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number on any questions which might arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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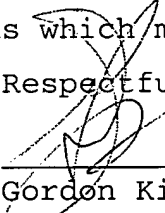
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